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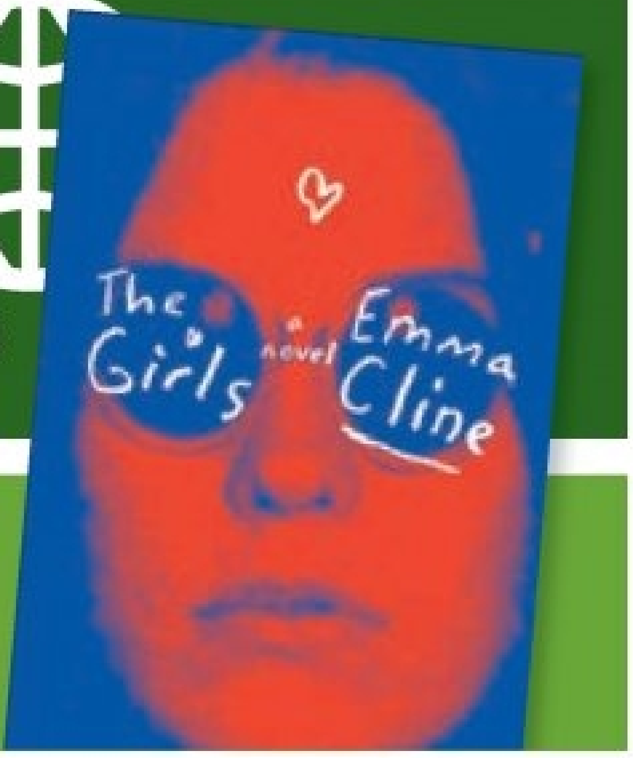

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3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

US TO RELEASE PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTS OF ORLANDO KILLER'S CALLS TO POLICE

1 Federal officials will on Monday release partial transcripts of three phone conversations the man who killed 49 people in a Florida gay nightclub last week had with police as the massacre unfolded, Attorney General Loretta Lynch said on Sunday. Lynch, speaking on CNN's "State of the Union" talk show, said the Orlando shooting incident was "an act of terror and an act of hate", but she declined to say what charges may be filed nor who may be charged in the case. The transcripts of the conversations between deceased gunman Omar Mateen and law enforcement negotiators will "talk about what he told law enforcement on the ground as the events were unfolding," Lynch said. REUTERS

SUPREME COURT MAY TAKE ACTION ON STATE ASSAULT WEAPON BANS

2 The Supreme Court may weigh in this week on gun control, an issue smoldering again following the June 12 Orlando massacre, with the justices due to decide whether to hear a challenge by gun rights advocates to assault weapon bans in two states. The Connecticut and New York laws prohibit semiautomatic weapons like the one used by the gunman who fatally shot 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. The Supreme Court will announce as soon as Monday whether it will hear the challenge brought by gun rights groups and individual firearms owners asserting that the laws violate the Constitution's Second Amendment guarantee of the right to bear arms. REUTERS

RECORD HEAT SPARKS WARNINGS, BOOSTS FIRES IN WESTERN US

3 Fire warnings were in place across three western states on Sunday as record-breaking heat threatened to feed wildfires that have blackened thousands of acres, especially in California and New Mexico.

The National Weather Service said temperatures of 120 degrees were possible in southwestern deserts through Wednesday. "Red flag warnings" for potential fires covered an area stretching across southern California, southern Nevada and southern Arizona. "These extreme temperatures can be life-threatening," the weather service said on its website. The high temperatures have joined with a prolonged dry spell to worsen the fire threat. REUTERS

Who doesn't crave a day at the beach? This week's weather should be perfect for it. GETTY IMAGES

BOLARIS' WEATHER WATCH: BORED WEATHERMAN = HAPPY PEOPLE

Hey, it's always nice to have a great stretch of weather, especially in the Northeast, because the winter has a tendency to add stress to our already stressed-out lives.

Who doesn't crave a great day at the beach, a beautiful hike in the mountains, fishing in your local lake or in the vast open waters of the Atlantic, a barbecue or a cold brew on a hot day without the weather screwing it up?

It's much easier to stroll around without the cumbersome umbrella or getting splashed by a passing car or bus. I still want to chase the bus or car and say, "What the hell?"

Nothing is worse than getting all the kids together, loading up the beach gear — chairs, blankets, towels, food, and grandma — unload everything and then 10 minutes later a line of storms sends everyone scrambling for cover and cursing out the weatherman. Ah yes, the joys of summer.

Right now I'm bored, weatherwise, and that should make you happy, because I don't see any extremes in weather this week. The tropics are a bit active, with possible storm development in the Yucatan Peninsula and into the southwest Gulf of Mexico, but it would most likely move into Mexico.

The Northeast will be warm for the early part of this week, followed by a cooler and dry air mass for the second half of this week. Temperatures could kiss the 90 degree mark for Philadelphia and New York City on Monday and Tuesday. Boston will remain below the 90 degree mark.

The best chance of showers and scattered storms this week for all three of the Metro cities will be late Monday night or Tuesday morning. If you planned your vacation for this week, you picked a good one.

By the way I hope all the dads had a super Father's Day.

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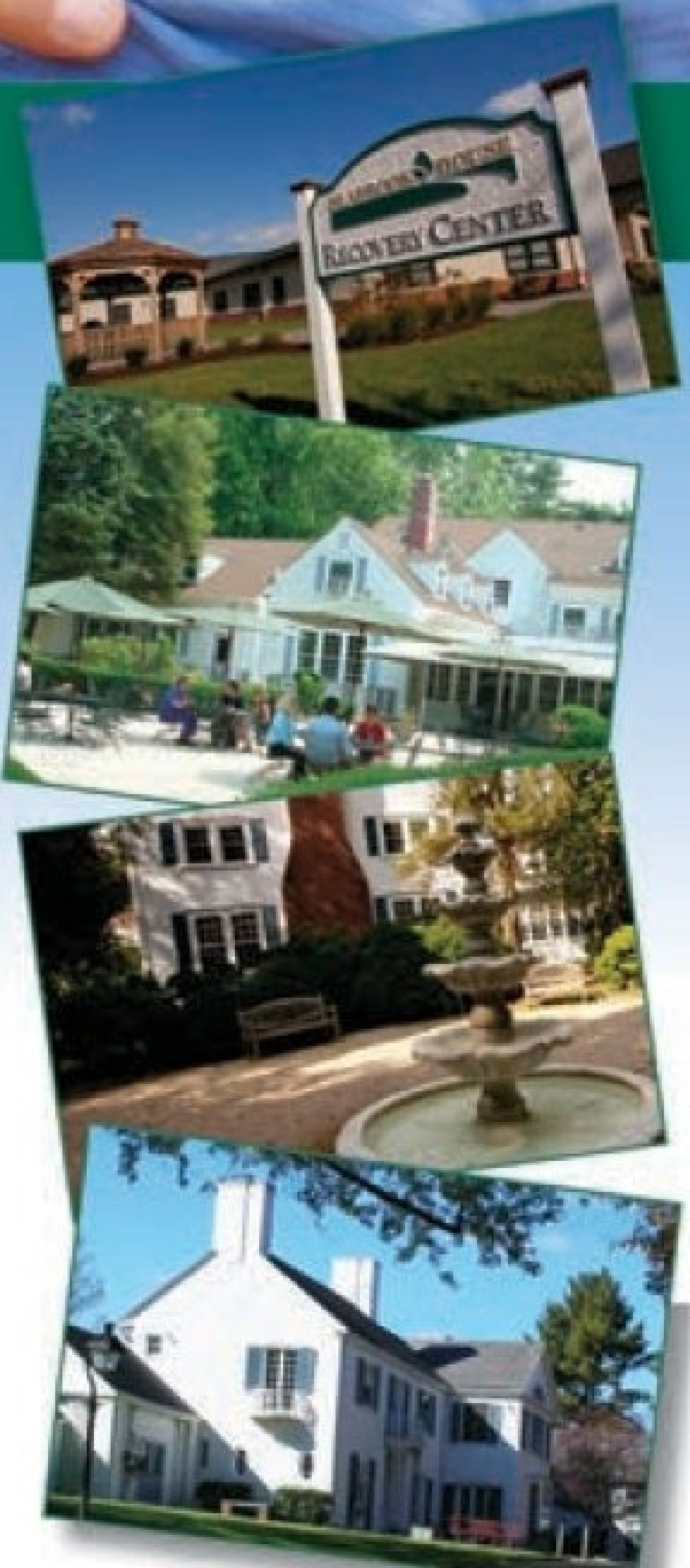

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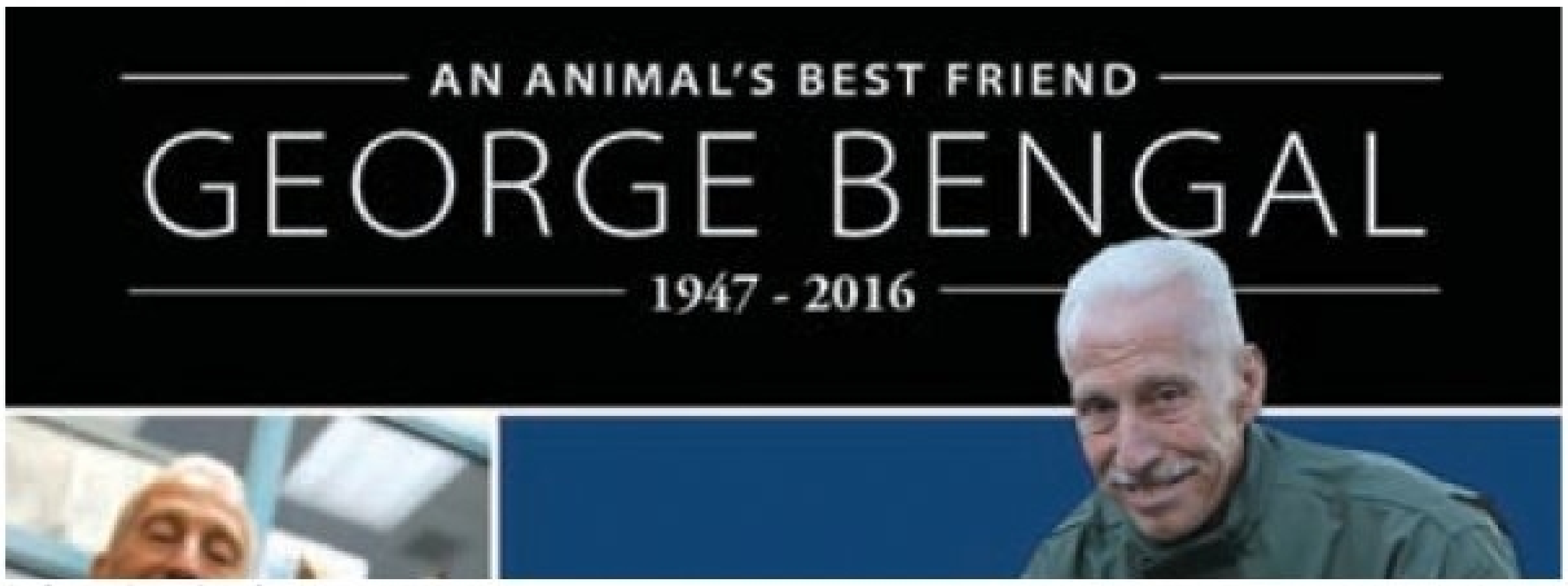
PSPCA's top cop George Bengal passes away after battling cancer



A tribute to George Bengal. PSPCA

The director of Humane Law Enforcement kept working to protect abused animals after being diagnosed with a terminal illness.

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He saw death coming and he looked death in the eye.

George Bengal, director of Humane Law Enforcement for the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PSPCA), died Saturday evening after battling cancer. He was 69.

But after his diagnosis, knowing he had no chance of recovery, Bengal chose to keep working and implored the public to continue supporting the PSPCA, which is 100 percent donor-funded.

"The job can really get emotional when you see how some of these people can abuse these animals out here," Bengal said during an interview in early May. "When you're dealing with some of these issues, you're wondering, 'What makes these people do this? What are they thinking to do something with a defenseless animal that can't fight back?' … It's just a form of insanity."

Animal cruelty is often seen as a psychological indicator that the person responsible will go on to commit similar or worse crimes against other humans, Bengal said.

"We do [8,000] to 10,000 cases a year and it never seems to diminish," Bengal said in May. "You never get ahead of the game. It's an ongoing problem."

Bengal died at Holy Redeemer Hospital in Jenkintown, with his wife, Carole, and daughter Lisa at his bedside, the PSPCA said.

Bengal served in Vietnam and worked in the Philadelphia Police Department before retiring and joining the PSPCA, where he spent the last 20 years, serving as director of Humane Law Enforcement since 2007.

Bengal is credited with building the Humane Law Enforcement program at the PSPCA, as well as at the Delco SPCA (now Providence Animal Center) and the Women's Humane Society.

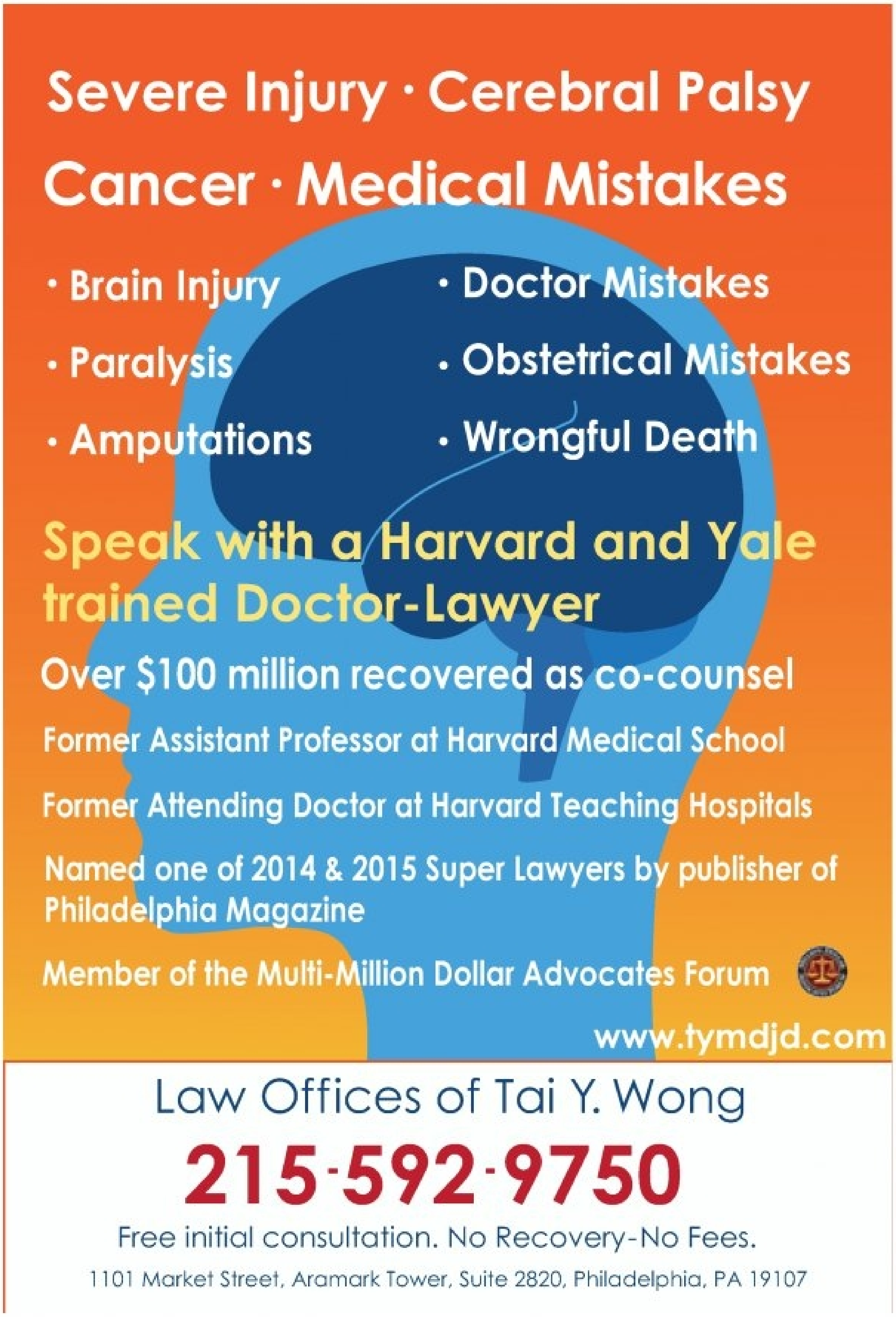
He was diagnosed with Stage IV peritoneal mesothelioma after noticing a swelling in his abdomen while exercising earlier this year, the PSPCA said, a cancer which has a gestation period of as much as 50 years. Despite two rounds of chemotherapy, the cancer continued to spread.

Nonetheless, Bengal continued to work in his final weeks and to reach out to the public for the financial support to keep the PSPCA's operations running.

"George stood with his officers in the bitter cold and sweltering heat, at all hours of the night and day, tracking down the bad guys — those who fought animals for sport, abused animals for enjoyment, left their pets without food and water, or simply left their pets behind," the PSPCA wrote in Bengal's obituary. "He protected animals, punished abusers and, when possible, educated owners whose intentions were good."

PSPCwwA CEO Jerry Buckley said in a statement, "There will never be another George Bengal, but as he wanted us to, we will carry his mission forward in our efforts to put an end to all animal cruelty."

In Bengal's honor, the PSPCA created the Bengal Fund to End Animal Cruelty. In lieu of flowers, Bengal's family has asked that donations be made to the pspca.org/bengalfund.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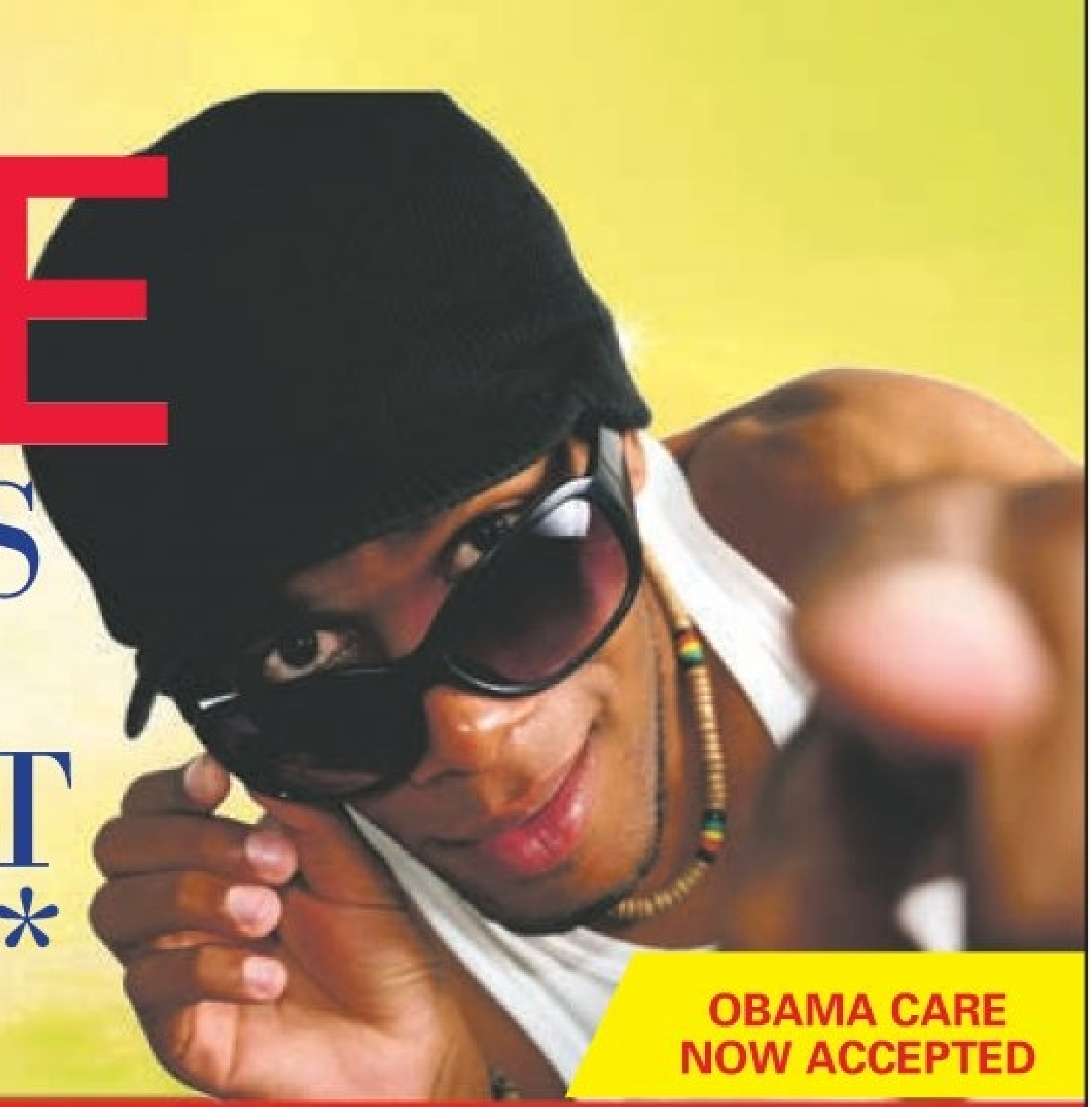

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Animal rights groups offer $2,000 reward to find person who shot cat with arrow

Animal advocacy groups are joining forces to bring the person who shot a cat with an arrow to justice.

A total of $2,000 in reward money is on the table for anyone who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect, Philly.com reported. The incident happened on June 11 on Willow Street in Delanco Township, New Jersey.

Showing Animals Respect and Kindness (SHARK) put up $1,000, The Burlington County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals put up $500 and the SPCA also put up $500, NJ.com reported.

Police reportedly found the female cat and removed part of the arrow before taking her to a vet. The cat was wounded, but expected to survive.

"The person who shot that poor animal with a crossbow is a danger to humans and animals alike, and they need to be held accountable for what they did," Steve Hindi, SHARK president, said in a statement. MORGAN ROUSSEAU

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Minivan crashes, plunges into Delaware River

Police are searching for survivors after pulling a minivan from the Delaware River on Sunday.

Around 3 a.m., a silver 2007 Buick Terraza crashed through a metal fence and plunged into the river at the Packer Marine Terminal on the 3300 block of South Columbus Boulevard, CBS3 reports.

According to witnesses, the minvan was speeding down Oregon Avenue when it crashed through a fence at the shipyard and plunged into the water.

"We were sitting and a car came flying by, silver, not sure the model. It just came flying by. Not paying attention, I heard a crash," Azib Abdussabur, who witnessed the crash, told CBS3. "I think they crashed into another car. I look over and see the gate missing, then heard a splash. I told my friend in the car, 'Yo, somebody just went into the water.' We pulled over immediately and called the cops."

The marine unit, police and fire department officials located the minivan and pulled it from the water several hours later. According to police, the minivan's windshield was smashed, and it's likely someone was ejected from the vehicle, but a body has not been located, police said. ALEXIS SACHDEV

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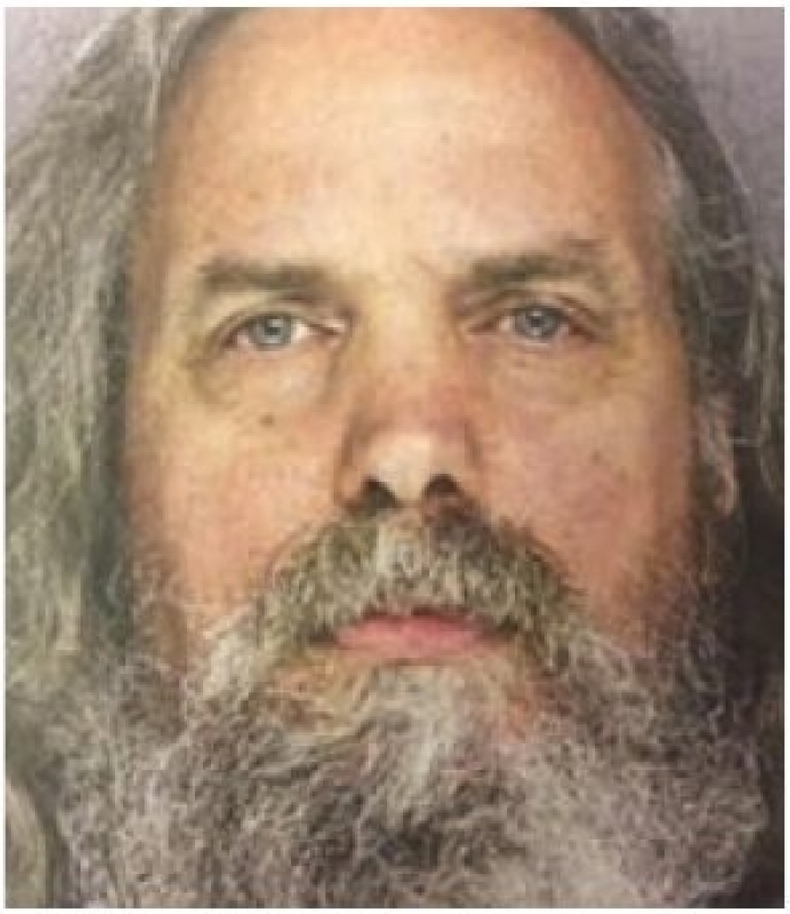

Lee Kaplan LOWER SOUTHAMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police: Ex-Amish family 'gifted' teen daughter sexually abusive man

Police are now searching the Feasterville, Pennsylvania, home of a man accused of repeatedly sexually assaulting a teenage girl there, after police said her formerly Amish family "gifted" the then 14-year-old to the suspect for helping them out of financial troubles.

Lee Kaplan, 51, is charged with statutory sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault, indecent assault, corruption of minors and unlawful contact with a minor, according to 6ABC.

A total of twelve girls were found inside the home, with ages ranging from 6 months to 18 years, the report said, adding that neighbors often saw groups of unhappy-looking girls at the home in blue dresses, Philly.com reported. The girls are now reportedly in protective custody.

Police first became notified of the situation when a neighbor called to report that Kaplan was seen with a 6-month-old girl. Police reportedly later learned that the girl was the daughter of the victim.

The girl's parents, Daniel and Savilla Stoltzfus, of Quarryville, Lancaster County, were also arrested after reportedly admitting to police they gave the girl to Kaplan after doing online legal research.

All three are being held on $1 million bail.
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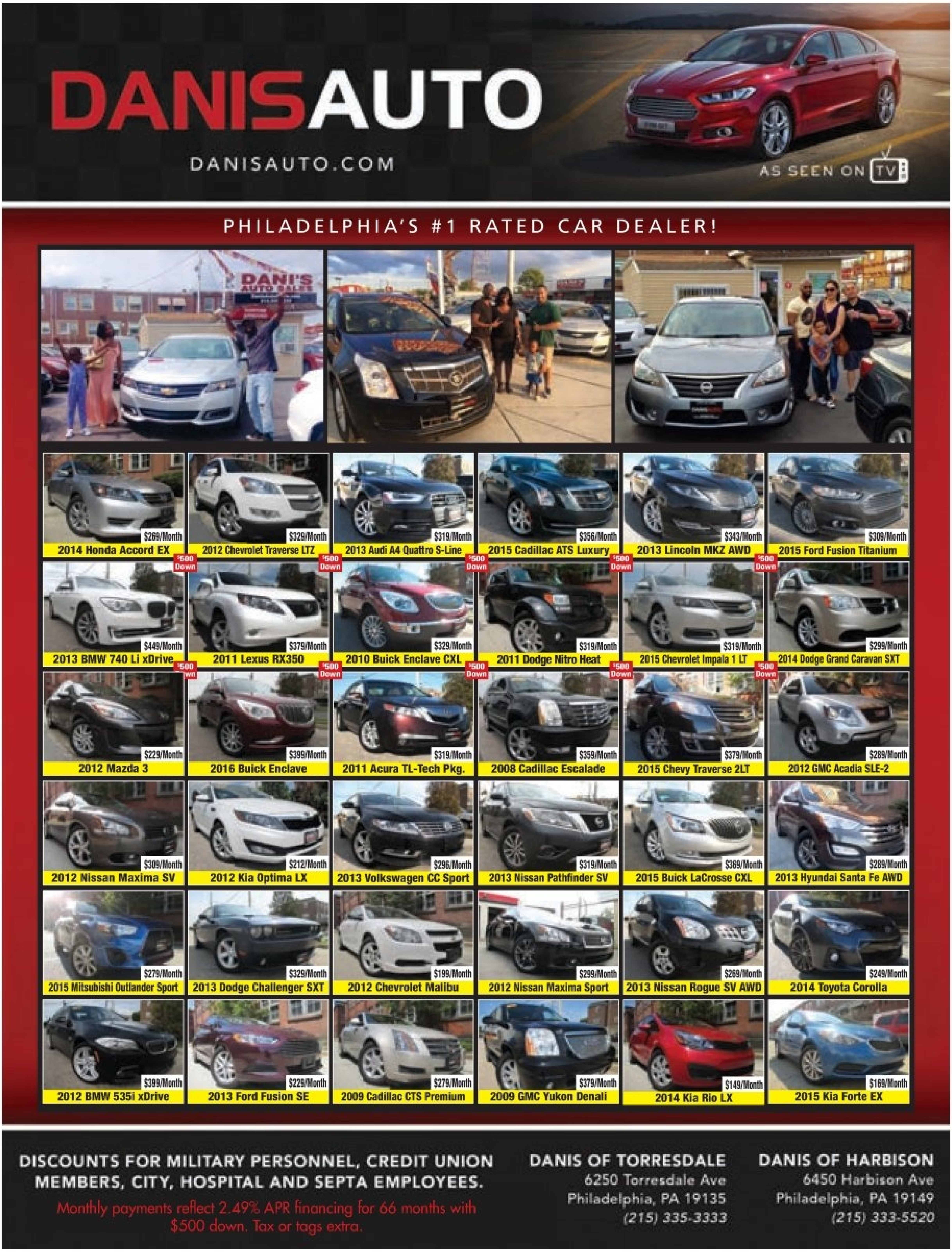

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Olympians unfazed by reports of turmoil in Brazil ahead of Summer Games

NYC, Boston, Philly athletes looking forward to competing for gold, not the risks.

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Glenn Ochal, of Philadelphia, far left, took bronze in 1012 London Olympics in the men's four rowing competition. GETTY IMAGES

Selected in 2009 as the first South American country to host the Olympics, Brazil faces huge hurdles on the eve of the Rio Games this summer.

There's the mosquito-borne Zika virus epidemic, prompting some health officials to call for postponing or relocating the games, lest it infect athletes who could spread it around the world. The virus has been linked to a fatal brain defect in babies born to infected mothers.

Then there's the political crisis, the economic crisis and the environmental crisis. Crime is soaring, and, on Friday, the governor of Rio declared a "state of calamity," saying the state's government is bankrupt and can't meet its financial obligations for the games.

Well, you get the picture. All isn't well with less than two months to go until 10,500 athletes from 200 countries and a half-million spectators descend on Rio and the Olympic cauldron is lit Aug. 5.

One of those athletes is Philadelphian Glenn Ochal, 30, who's on the eight-man rowing team. He won a bronze medal in London in 2012 and sees an opportunity for gold this year. Having rowed all over the world, he is not intimidated by the reports of garbage and sewage in the bay where sailing and windsurfing competitions will be held.

"A few American rowers became ill, but none ill enough not to compete," he said of an incident last year when 15 Americans got sick after a rowing championship on a Rio lagoon. "You watch what you eat and drink, keep yourself clean."

The Zika virus also doesn't overly concern him.

"We have a medical staff," he said. "We've been taking standard travel shots. My wife and I aren't planning on having kids soon, so I'm OK with Zika. We'll be smart. We're in the Olympic Village."

U.S. women's indoor volleyball team member Megan Hodge Easy, 27, of Boston, has a silver medal from London and is confident going into Rio. However, the Zika epidemic has Easy and her husband, Omar, wondering whether to bring their 19-month-old son to Brazil.

Otherwise, she is undaunted by the turmoil there.

"As an athlete traveling the world, you learn to adjust and adapt," she said. "We're not planning on getting pregnant anytime soon, so hopefully Zika won't be an issue. We're an indoor sport."

The Brazilian women won volleyball gold in 2008 and 2012, raising the stakes for Easy and her teammates. "We're there to get a job done," she said.

Tina Charles, 27, of Queens, who played on the 2012 gold medal women's basketball team, is more concerned with winning games with the WNBA's New York Liberty than Zika.

"I haven't given it any thought," Charles said. "I'm sure USA Basketball will take the best precautions."

Another American athlete, cyclist Tejay van Garderen, who has a baby on the way this fall, has decided not to compete because of Zika. But it can't stop some in their quest for Olympic glory.

"It's something as a child you've always dreamed of," Charles said.

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Tension at funerals for Orlando victims with protest, irate driver

Friends and family gather to mourn Orlando shooting victims.

A hearse enters Greenwood Cemetery in Orlando, Florida. GETTY IMAGES

Funerals for two of the 49 victims killed in the shooting at a nightclub in Florida were marked by tense scenes on Saturday, as an impatient driver was accused of injuring two law enforcement officers and one burial took place under the watch of anti-gay protesters.

Two Osceola County Sheriff's deputies on motorcycles were injured at the funeral procession for Jean Carlos Mendez Perez in Kissimmee, Florida, some 20 miles south of Orlando, when a driver cut through the cortege and struck them with her car, according to a statement on the sheriff's Facebook page.

The deputies were taken to the hospital, where both were in stable condition, said the sheriff's spokeswoman, Twis Lizasuain.

At the funeral of another victim, Christopher Leinonen, at a church close to the center of Orlando, a handful of protesters from the Kansas-based anti-gay Westboro Baptist Church stood silently for about 45 minutes. They were blocked from view of those attending the funeral by about 200 counter-protesters, who cheered when the Westboro members left.

Members of the Orlando Shakespeare Theater used large "angel wings," measuring 8 feet wide and reaching 3 feet over shoulder height, to block out the protesters. The wings, made of white cloth and plastic piping by volunteers from the theater's costume and set shops, first surfaced at the 1998 funeral of Matthew Shepard, a gay man murdered in Wyoming.

Authorities are still investigating what motivated Omar Mateen to kill 49 people at the popular gay nightclub Pulse in the early hours of last Sunday, perpetrating the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Mateen was later killed in a shoot-out with police.

The shooting has sparked a new push for gun control legislation and Congress is expected to vote on proposals starting next week, including one on stopping people on terrorism watch lists from buying guns.

Democrats, including President Barack Obama, are framing gun restrictions as a national security issue after Mateen professed loyalty to Islamist militants. But authorities believe he was "self-radicalized" and acted without any direction from outside networks.

FBI agents on Friday questioned a member of the Florida mosque attended by Mateen, as new information surfaced revealing the killer had exhibited chronic behavioral problems during his youth.

Academic records obtained by Reuters showing Mateen was frequently suspended as a student added to a disturbing portrait of the long-troubled gunman.

Mateen, a 29-year-old private security guard, has been described by his first wife as an abusive, mentally disturbed man with a violent temper.

Others who knew him recalled Mateen, a U.S. citizen and Florida resident born in New York to Afghan immigrants, as a quiet, socially awkward individual who kept largely to himself. REUTERS

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Trump says US should consider racial profiling

Trump has drawn criticism from many Republicans for his comments on American Muslims after the Orlando attack, in which a U.S.-born Muslim man killed 49 people.

Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

Republican Donald Trump said on Sunday the United States should consider more racial profiling in law enforcement, after urging harsher policies following last week's mass shooting in Orlando.

"I think profiling is something that we're going to have to start thinking about as a country," Trump said when asked on CBS whether he supported more profiling of Muslims in America.

"You look at Israel and you look at others, and they do it and they do it successfully. And you know, I hate the concept of profiling, but we have to start using common sense," he added.

Trump also reiterated his support for more scrutiny of mosques, saying that could resemble a controversial New York City surveillance program that has been shut down.

"If you go to France right now, they're doing it in France. In fact, in some instances they're closing down mosques."

Police in France closed some mosques shortly after gunmen aligned with Islamic State militants killed 130 people in Paris in a series of attacks on Nov. 13.

The Orlando gunman, Omar Mateen, expressed support for Islamic State, but officials believe he was "self-radicalized."

Trump has drawn criticism from many in his Republican Party for calling for a temporary ban on Muslims entering the United States. He also has called for a suspension of immigration from countries with "a proven history of terrorism."

Hillary Clinton, the presumptive Democratic nominee, has said the comments show Trump is unfit to be president. REUTERS

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Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."

Both upheavals at home, abroad and even in the halls of power promise to make this week a wild one. Here are my three things to watch in politics.

1. GUN SHOW
Against the backdrop of another mass shooting, Congress will consider competing plans to reduce the violence. Four proposals have been forced to the floor by a Dem filibuster, but getting a vote and getting anything done are wildly different things. Capitol Hill statisticians say the odds are slim to none that anything substantial will be approved, and even if there is a win in the Senate it is likely to become a loss in the House. Who will be watching closely? Hillary Clinton. She berated Barack Obama in 2008 for supporting more gun control measures, but now she is convinced the issue will play in the fall — especially with her base.

2. SEARCHING FOR THE BREXIT
Every economy wonk in D.C. will have binoculars pointing across the Atlantic for the Brexit vote. If the Brits bail out of the European Union, shock waves may roll through international markets, and even Wall Street could get the shakes. Some are tossing around the "R" word — as in localized or even global recession fears. It's all very complicated and hard to predict, but the potential impact is real with consequences for your 401K ... as if it hasn't taken enough of a beating.

Hillary Clinton GETTY IMAGES

3. TRUMP UNPLUGGED
Two weeks ago Republicans were beating the drum for everyone to get behind Donald Trump. Now their presumptive nominee is tumbling in the polls, and some big-name GOPers are acting like they're desperately trying to end a bad blind date. Any attempt to dump Trump at the convention will be wildly risky, but you can bet we'll hear a lot more talk about that this week. Furthermore, I suspect GOP leaders will be putting new emphasis on the fight to keep the House and Senate, just in case the Oval Office can't be wrestled from the Dems. Campaign slogan? How about "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad!"

BRIEF

Obama immigration win at Supreme Court could benefit Trump

If the Supreme Court in the coming days decides a high-profile immigration case in favor of the Obama administration, the ruling could have an unexpected beneficiary: Republican presidential contender Donald Trump.

The Obama administration is asking the high court to revive its 2014 proposal to protect up to 4 million people from deportation, a plan that was blocked by lower courts. The court could rule that a president has broad authority to interpret and enforce federal immigration law.

Such a ruling would allow Obama to implement his signature executive action on immigration, aimed at the parents of children who are U.S. citizens, before he leaves office. It could also help Trump, who has put forth his own sweeping and controversial plans on immigration ahead of the Nov. 8 election.

"To the extent the court has language about the president's wide authority in immigration law generally, that would certainly strengthen Trump's hand." said Stephen Yale-Loehr, an immigration law expert at Cornell Law School.
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Family of boy killed by gator 'overwhelmed' by support

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The parents of a 2-year-old boy snatched away and drowned by an alligator in Florida have been "overwhelmed with the support and love" that have poured in since the tragedy captured national attention, the family said in a statement on Saturday.

The alligator grabbed the boy at the water's edge on Tuesday night while his family, on vacation from Nebraska, relaxed on the shore nearby. The parents tried to save the child but were unable to free him from the alligator's grip.

"Melissa and I continue to deal with the loss of our beloved boy, Lane, and are overwhelmed with the support and love we have received from family and friends in our community as well as from around the country," father Matt Graves said in the statement issued by their church in Elkhorn, Nebraska.

"We understand the public's interest, but as we move forward this weekend, we ask for and appreciate the privacy we need to lay our son to rest. Neither Melissa, myself or anyone from our family will be speaking publicly; we simply cannot at this time," the statement said.

The Graveses had previously released a statement expressing their devastation and asking for privacy while praising the work of officials who searched for the boy.

Police divers recovered the body of Lane Graves on Wednesday from the man-made lake at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida, where he had been snatched the night before.

Disney has since installed signs at water's edge warning guests of alligators and snakes.

The resort previously had "No Swimming" signs that did not specifically mention alligators.

"Danger! Alligators and snakes in area," read the new signs, which feature diagrams of the two animals. "Stay away from the water. Do not feed the wildlife."

The new signs are fixed to wooden posts that hold up rope cordoning off the water.

An autopsy found drowning as the cause of death after the body was found intact underwater.

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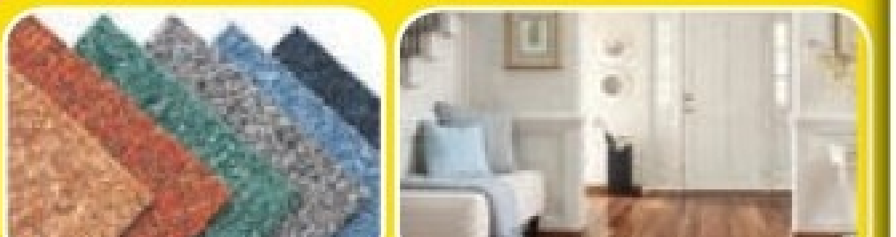

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Report: Actor Anton Yelchin of 'Star Trek' killed

Anton Yelchin GETTY IMAGES

Anton Yelchin, a Russian-born actor best known for playing the character Chekov in two "Star Trek" movies, was killed early on Sunday in a car accident, Variety reported, citing his representative. He was 27.

"Actor Anton Yelchin was killed in a fatal traffic collision early this morning," said a statement from his representative, according to Variety. "His family requests you respect their privacy at this time."

Reuters could not immediately reach Yelchin's publicist for comment.

Yelchin was born in Russia, the son of two figure skaters, and emigrated to the United States as an infant.

He has appeared in numerous films and was in the TV series "Huff." REUTERS

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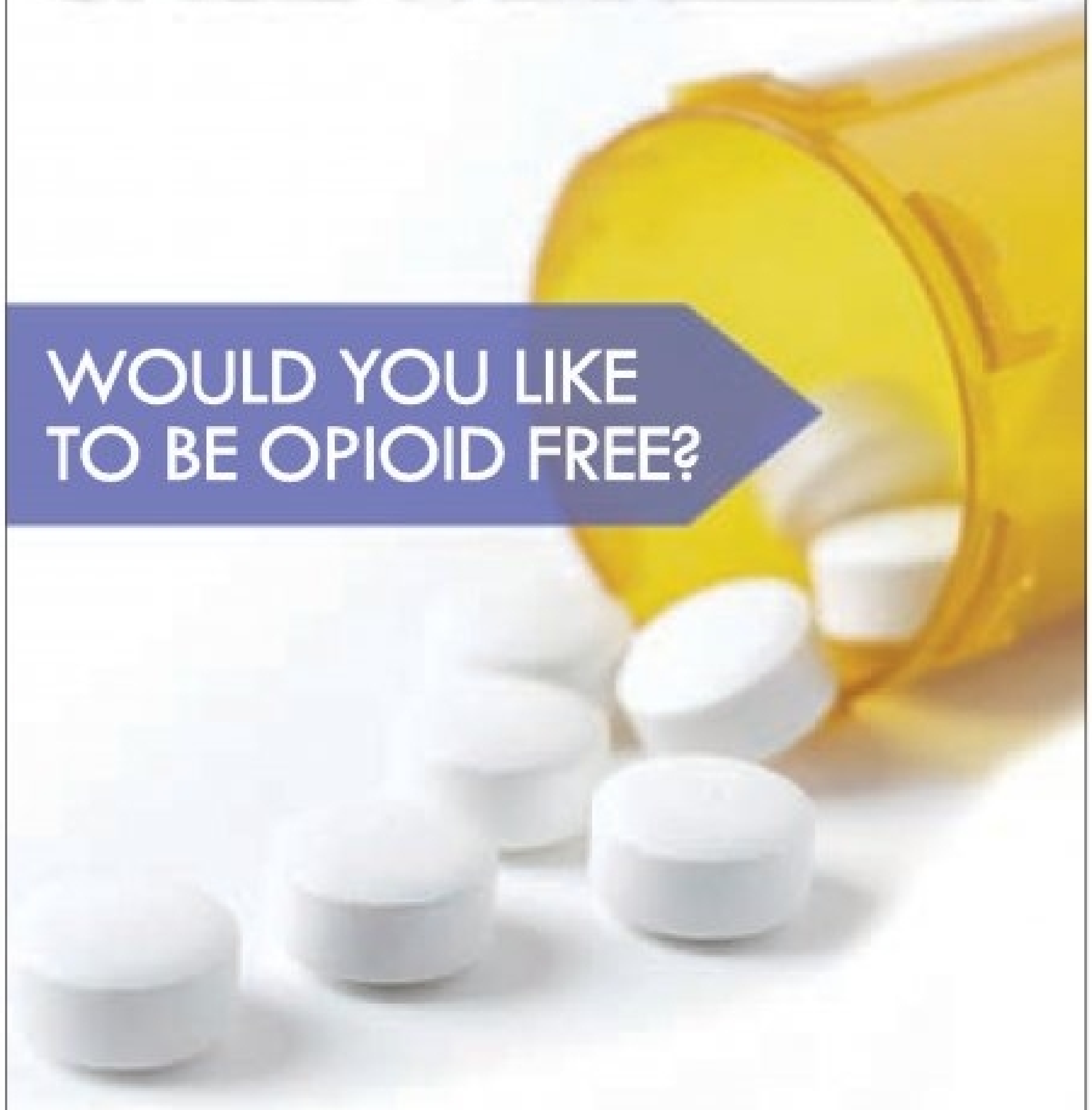

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Justin Bieber falls through hole in stage during concert

Don't you hate it when you're minding your own business, adjusting your pants, when all of a sudden you fall through a trap door?

That's exactly what happened to Justin Bieber, who took a pretty nasty fall in the middle of his concert last week. In what is likely the most talked-about event in the history of Saskatoon, Canada, the 22-year-old singer was absentmindedly walking down the stage while adjusting his ensemble when he tumbled through a hole at the end of the platform.

Don't worry, Beliebers — the Canadian pop star is totally fine. He even poked some fun at the incident, later tweeting a clip of the fall with the caption: "I'm a cat. I got 9 lives. Lol"

It looks like someone took the phrase "break a leg" a little too literally.

T.I.'s stepdaughter arrested for gun possession

If we ever got arrested, we can only hope that our mugshots look as good as Zonnique Pullins'.

Pullins, who is the stepdaughter of rapper T.I. and a former member of the girl group OMG Girlz, was arrested at an Atlanta airport for allegedly trying to bring a gun through airport security.

According to a police report obtained by People, the 20-year-old was arrested and charged for attempting to get through a security checkpoint at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport with a .380 Ruger semi-automatic pistol in her purse. She was released early Friday morning.

Last month, a shooting that took place at T.I.'s rap concert in New York City left one person killed and three others wounded.

Though neither T.I. nor Harris have commented on the arrest, Pullins' cousin, Tamara Whitaker, took to Instagram to issue her own statement about the incident. She posted a photo of Pullins' mugshot, alongside a caption explaining the arrest and relating it to the shooting of Christina Grimmie.

"With the late shootings and death of a pop star all in Orlando just this week, I think it's very appropriate that she carries a gun just not to the airport maybe lol," Whitaker wrote. "Her mugshot is still cute as hell lol," she added.

Well, at least she got a cute mugshot out of it, right?

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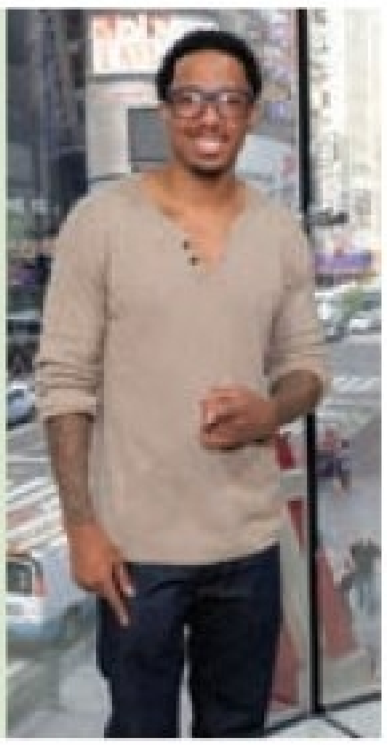
Nick Cannon raps about divorce woes

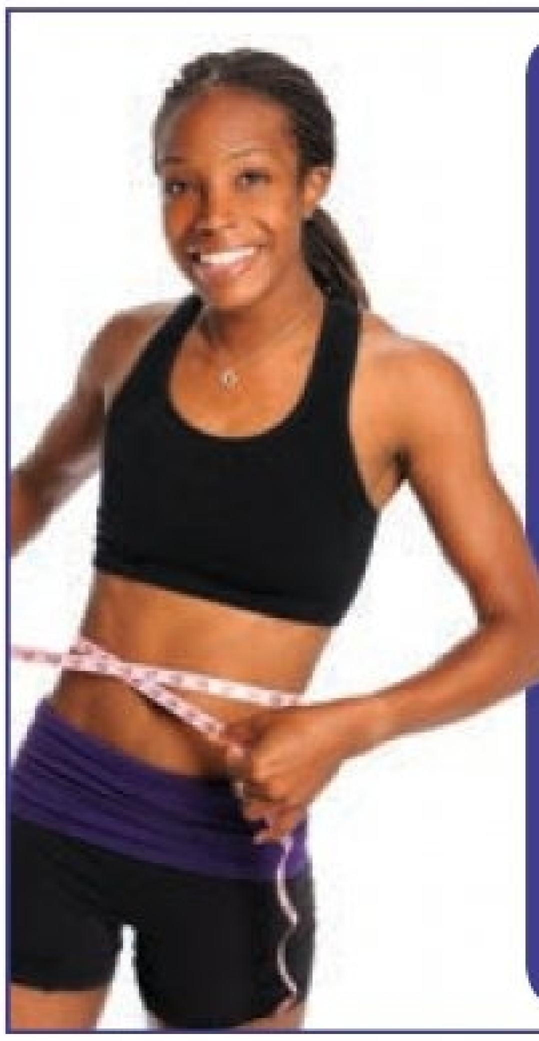
Nick Cannon has released a new freestyle track called "Divorce Papers," firing back at the recent drama surrounding his divorce from singer Mariah Carey.

Earlier this month, TMZ reported that the 35-year-old rapper has "repeatedly declined to sign the papers that would make the divorce final," even though the two have been separated since 2014. There has been some speculation that Cannon is trying to delay Carey's marriage to her new fiance, Australian businessman James Packer.

The four -minute freestyle is a pretty emotional rant about the struggles of divorce, particularly the toll it's taken on their 5-year-old twins, Monroe and Moroccan. In a statement posted to Karen Civil, he explains that the purpose of releasing the track was to express his frustrations with the media and "clear the air and set the record straight once and for all."

With any luck, Cannon's ex might be getting the papers she's looking for very soon — he closes out the rap with the line, "Man, f— it, I'll sign these papers."





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Did you meet IRL? Get that conversation flowing to make sure your compatibility is in sync. ISTOCK

Twenty years ago, the methods of meeting a mate were simpler. You met in school, at the local hangout or were introduced through friends. Today, our access to dates has expanded and, with that, so have the modes of meeting. You could meet your next relationship in person, on the web or on an app. "Putting yourself out there" means being active in nearly all of these ways at once, but your approach to your first date needs to shift based on how you connected. Here's how:

When you meet IRL, you lead with chemistry. In those 10 or 15 minutes you spend flirting at a bar or an event, nonverbal communication speaks loudest. You leave knowing you're physically attracted to each other and have great chemistry, but in that short conversation, compatibility is still unknown. You go on a date to see if it exists. Do your values and common interests sync?

When you meet on a dating site, you lead with compatibility. Their profile explains their interests and values, like what religion they practice or their opinion on children. You know there's attraction via photos too, but you don't know if you have chemistry, so you go on a date to explore. Do you two have that je ne sais quoi?

When you meet on a dating app, you lead with attraction. You've seen each other's photos and swiped right, but you're missing two important elements: chemistry and compatibility. Your date needs to take meeting on an app a step further because you also need to determine if you are compatible in values and interests. Both questions from above should be answered on one date.

Regardless of where you meet, consider reframing "first date" as "meet up." It takes the pressure off, and reminds you to enjoy some sparks while waiting for fireworks.

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Pablo Batista, center, performs. DAVE TAVANI; PHOTO AT RIGHT BY KOALA PHOTOGRAPHY

Philadelphia percussionist Pablo Batista is an important part of regional R&B history, considering his role on recordings and live shows with fellow locals such as Patti LaBelle, Jean Carne and the late Grover Washington Jr. With his new, multimedia, Pew Center-funded “El Viaje” and its two dozen musicians, dancers and spoken-word artists, Batista is acting and writing as somewhat of a historian himself.

As part of several Pew Center for Arts & Heritage grants and fellowships issued throughout the last five years, Batista traveled to Santiago de Cuba, where he studied with Ballet Folklorico Cutumba, Cuba’s highly regarded folkloric dance company. He ate, slept and breathed the history of Afro-Cuban drumming and its worldly social relevance, and connected the literal and figurative journey of enslaved African culture with his own family’s journey from Puerto Rico to the industrial town of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in the 1960s.

When “El Viaje” debuts June 25 at Temple Performing Arts Center, Batista’s winding musical will additionally reflect his studio and touring life as a master of salsa, jazz, soul and gospel.

When asked about the currency of immigrant culture in America being under a microscope, the percussionist says that his Puerto Rican-born father went through the same headaches and heartaches when he moved to Bethlehem.

“My dad, who did migrate, would say that today it’s just a different group getting scrutinized,” he says, mentioning how his parents came to the Pennsylvania area for work and a better life.

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"Bethlehem Steel and the local textile industry gave my parents opportunity. My parents emigrated from the island, but my great grandma was from Africa, which made me realize there were two waves of immigration in my family: one from Africa to Puerto Rico, the other from Puerto Rico to Pennsylvania."

As a one-time Temple University student who started playing Afro-Cuban and funk rhythms behind the greats of Philly's soul and jazz scene in the '80s, the idea of portraying the historical perspective of his heritage had forever haunted him. The journey to pen "El Viaje" has been a long one, a labor of love.

"Beginning with Yoruba sacred drumming and dance in its most authentic form, I worked my way from there and blended the many forms I've experienced — jazz and blues, soul, bomba and rumba — to tell a story." Batista adds that his musical story's choreographer, Gilset Mora, also grew up in the tradition in Cuba as a young and versatile dancer and instructor. The travels Batista made to Cuba are where he got his formal education sociologically and musically. Yet it was in the combination of all of Batista's influences "from three decades of great music" that makes "El Viaje" sing.

When audiences leave "El Viaje," the author wants audiences to know that his story is about "defying the odds, about resilience." Ask Batista if being the composer of a great musical means he'll sit in the wings when it comes to performance time, and he laughs. "Are you kidding? I'll be having fun playing from top to bottom — the whole journey!"

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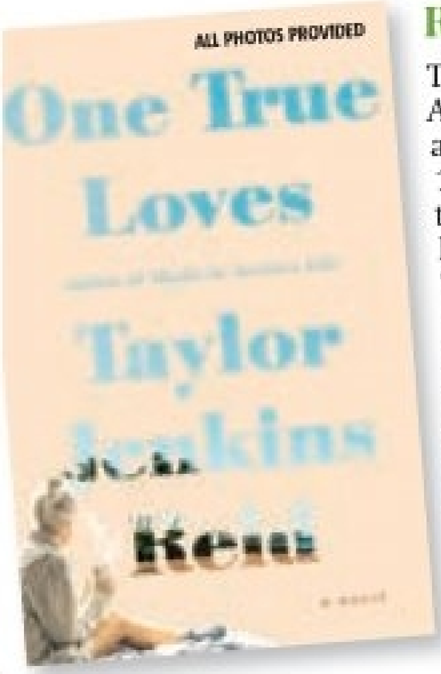
Summer reads are like an exotic vacation, without the baggage. They allow you to escape to a glamorous locale, indulge in a devious love triangle and gasp at juicy plot twists without leaving your beach chair. We rounded up some of the most exciting titles of the season.

Emotional roller coaster

"One True Loves" by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Talk about intense. Emma Blair finds herself stuck between two choices: her husband, who was presumed dead, and her new fiance. The heart-wrenching, head-spinning love triangle is sure to keep the pages turning.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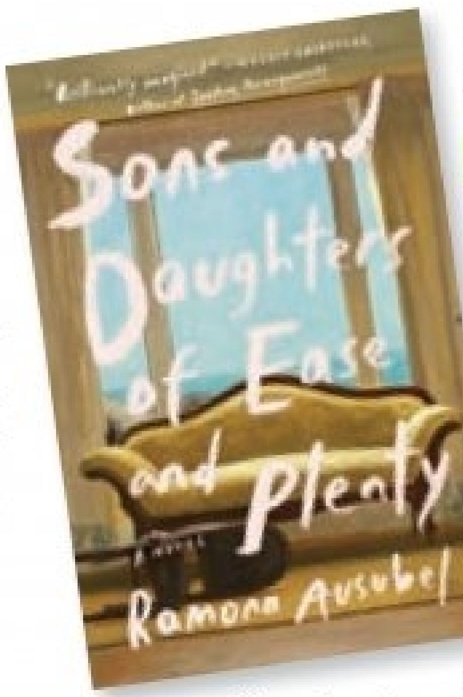


Dysfunctional family drama

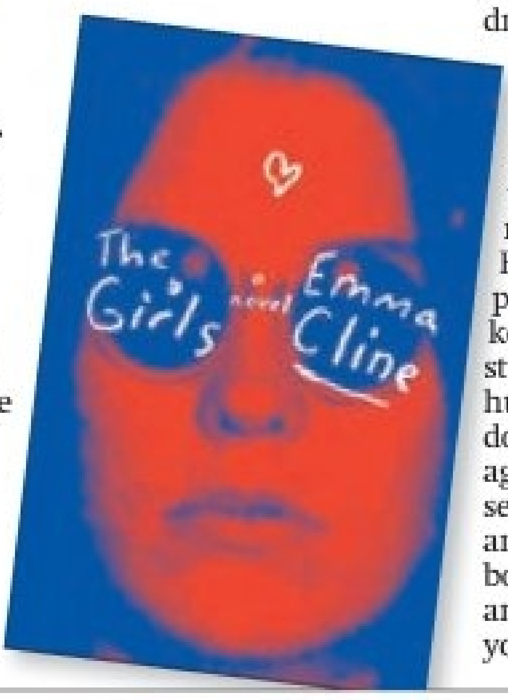
"Sons and Daughters of Ease and Plenty" by Ramona Ausubel

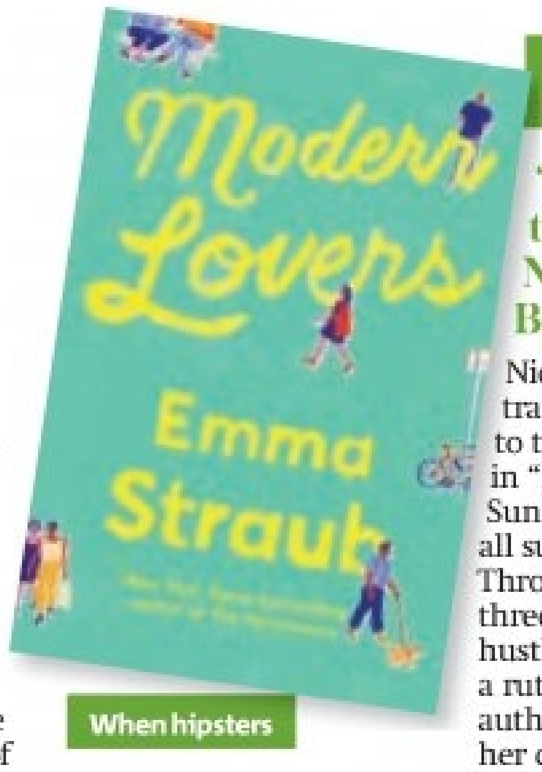
This is no "Home Alone." Fern and Edger, a wealthy couple in 1976, find out they're trust-fund bankroll has come to an end. To escape their new broke reality, both — thinking the other is home with their three young kids — go on trips with their lovers. What comes next is an insightful look on class, money and family values in America, lightened up with a sweet dose of magic.

Thrills and chills

"The Girls" by Emma Cline

Emma Cline's debut thriller had literary circles buzzing well before its publication, so expect to see it everywhere — from the subway to the beach and beyond — this summer. At the end of the '60s, lonely 14-year-old Evie finds the connection she hungers for in a group of freewheeling older girls she meets in a Northern California park. But when she meets Russell, the girls' charismatic, Charles Manson-like leader, Evie discovers there's a dark side to this utopia.





When hipsters

"Modern Lovers" by Emma Straub

Emma Straub's "Modern Lovers" uses gentrifying Brooklyn as the backdrop for a nostalgia-tinged tale that follows two couples on the cusp of 50 — Andrew and Elizabeth, Jane and Zoe — from their halcyon college days as almost-rockstars to their muddled middle-aged lives. Ennui and uncertainty push one toward a kombucha-swilling yoga studio/cult, and another hurtling toward a breakdown. When their teenage children start having sex, the longtime friends are forced to reckon with both the perils of aging and the follies of their youth.

Other side of paradise

"Here Comes the Sun" by Nicole Dennis-Benn

Nicole Dennis-Benn transports readers to tropical Jamaica in "Here Comes the Sun" — but it's not all sunny paradise. Through the eyes of three women — a hustler, a dreamer and a ruthless mom — the author shines a light on her complex hometown where poverty, classism, sexual freedom and opportunity are just some of the struggles.

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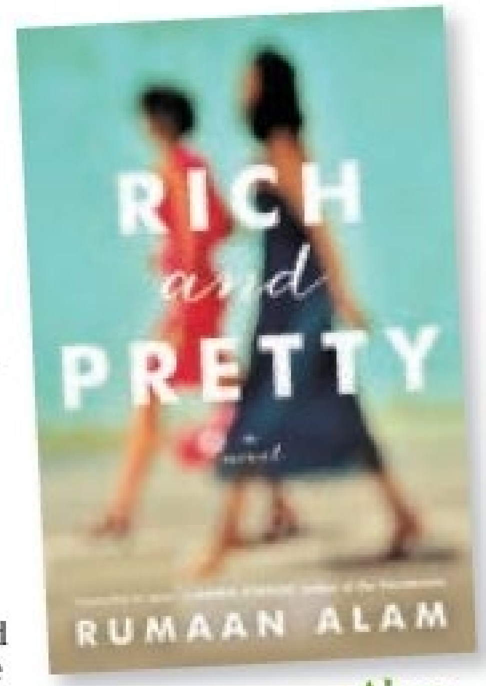

Frenemies

"Rich and Pretty" by Rumaan Alam

Female friendships are complicated. But somehow Rumaan Alam — a man — nails the tension, envy and intense love in this irresistible debut. Sarah and Lauren have been besties since middle school but now that the two are navigating their 20s in bustling NYC, something's changed. Do they even like each other? Things come to a head during a bachelorette get-away. Will their friendship survive?

Welcome to the urban jungle

"Sweetbitter" by Stephanie Danler

Stephanie Danler's "Sweetbitter" chronicles 22-year-old NYC newbie Tess' transition from provincial

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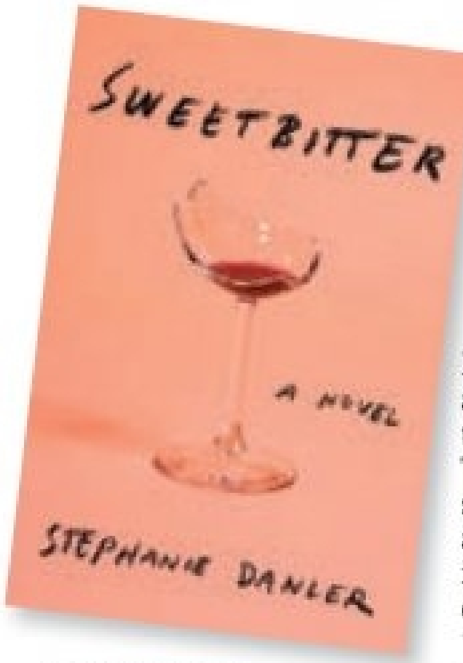
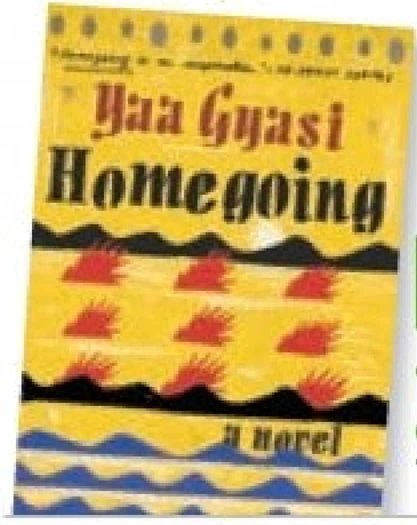


greenhorn to street-smart city denizen. In a year working at an "it" eatery, Tess learns about fine wine and exquisite cuisine — but she also gets a first-class education in the city's social strata, drugs, relationships and heartbreak.

Gripping historical fiction

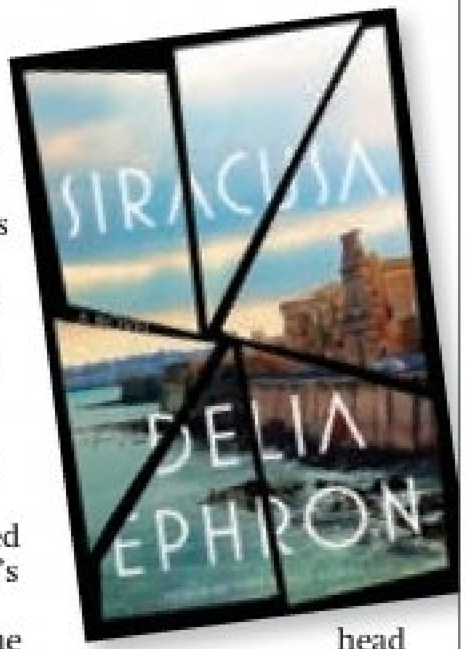
"Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi



In her impressive debut novel, Yaa Gyasi (a mere 26 years old herself) deftly weaves the stories of Ghanaian half-sisters who have never met in alternating chapters: Effia, married off to a Brit to a life of comfort, and Esi, sold and sent to America as a slave. The shameful legacy of slavery on both Africa and America is examined in stories of the women's descendants, from the 18th century through the present day.

For a shocking plot twist

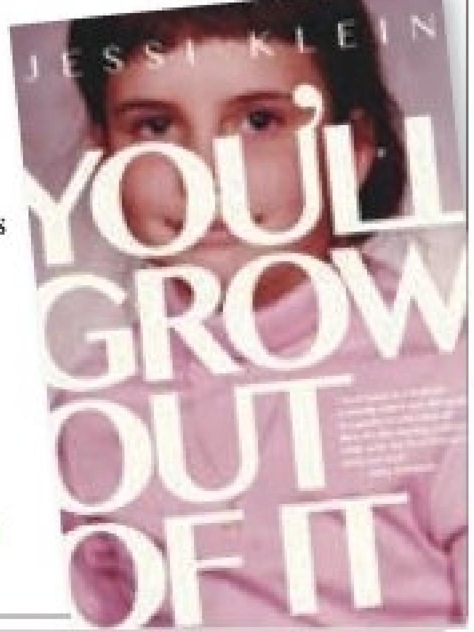
"Siracusa" by Delia Ephron



Spoiler alert! But not really. Even though you now know there's a plot twist in "Siracusa" that will knock you out of your beach chair, you can't even begin to guess what it will be. Two married couples who share a complicated, hidden past decide to go on vacation to the small island of Siracusa, where secrets are revealed and relationships are tested.

For a "Life's gonna be OK" memoir

"You'll Grow Out of It" by Jessi Klein



"Inside Amy Schumer" head writer Jessi Klein chronicles her life in a series of raw, relatable and hilarious essays. Her stories include struggles with conforming to society's standards of femininity and past relationships gone wrong. Get ready to laugh out loud and be pleasantly surprised at how much you have in common. METRO

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Ed O'Neill: It's cool to cry at 'Finding Dory'

The TV legend gets in touch with his softer side to play a cranky octopus in "Finding Dory."

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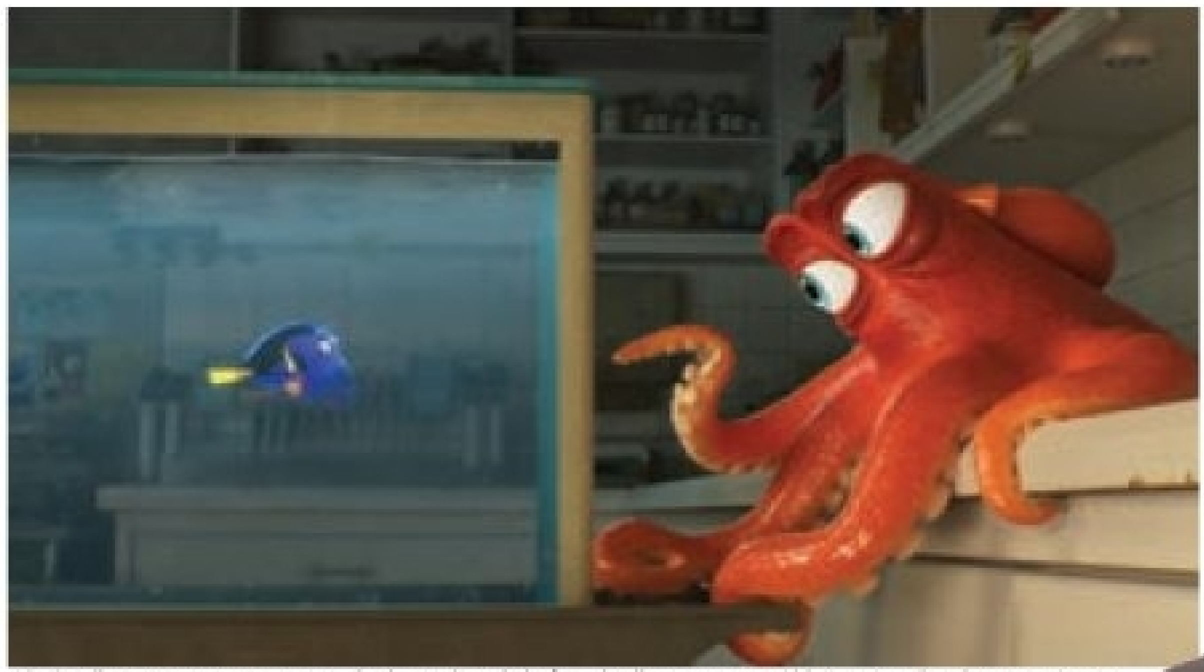
Ed O'Neill is an actor who thinks of himself as a hired hand. On "Modern Family," as on "Married with Children," he likes to stick to the script, do his job and go home. So he's perfect for animation, a job that requires laying down a vocal track and then letting the animators do the rest. "Finding Dory" isn't his first animated film; he did a bit part in "Wreck-It Ralph" and an episode of "The Penguins of Madagascar." But it is his first major role. He plays Hank, a mimic octopus with seven tentacles who grouchily helps Ellen DeGeneres' absent-minded blue tang as she searches for her long-lost parents.

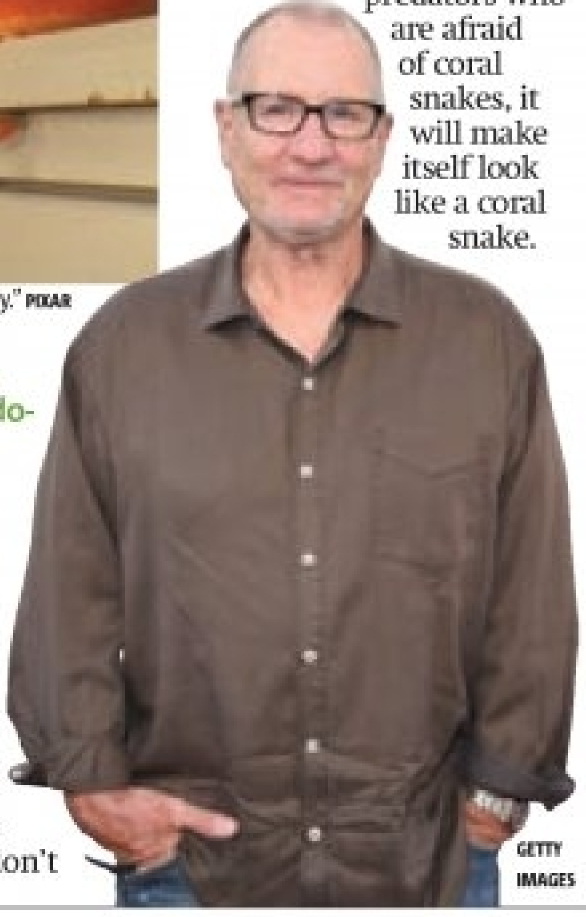


Ed O'Neill voices a mimic octopus who begrudgingly befriends Ellen DeGeneres' blue tang in "Finding Dory." PIXAR

Even people who don't cry at movies get choked up at Pixar films. Do you?
I haven't watched that many Pixar films. But I got choked up on this one! I remember thinking, "Oh my God, I'm going to cry!" I think what they do is they earn it. They earn the sentimentality. That's what makes it work so well. Oftentimes the emotion and sentimentality is not earned. You get a little choked up, but you forget it 10 minutes later. On this movie, the opposite is true. It will stay with you.

Dumb question, but how do you get in the mind of an octopus?
Who the f— knows what an octopus thinks? Although they certainly do think. They're kind of an amazing animal.

How so? What did you learn doing research?
I Googled "mimic octopus" and saw something on YouTube. It's stunning. There are many different kinds of octopi. The mimic octopus — and listen, don't quote me on this — is among the most amazing, because it shapeshifts, it color changes and it either seems to be thinking or is using some evolutionary tool. It adapts itself to so many different situations. If it's in an area where there's predators who are afraid of coral snakes, it will make itself look like a coral snake. That means it has to be aware of predators. If it's in an area where fish are afraid of lionfish, it becomes what looks like a lionfish. It's amazing. Google it!



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Learning about things you might not otherwise is definitely one of the perks of being an actor.
You're exactly right. I'll tell you my favorite part of being an actor: When you go on location, wherever it is, you experience that part of the world in a way you never would in another situation. When you vacation, you don't get a feel for a place the way you would as an actor. If you went to Austria for a series or a miniseries, on your downtime you're not going to travel far, but you're going to find out everything you can about that locale — which tourists don't generally do. When you're an actor on location for four, five or six weeks, you get to know that place pretty well.

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The case for the five-hour workday

Productivity tools have given us more time — but we're wasting it.

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Last June, "Shark Tank" champion and Tower Paddle Boards CEO Stephan Aarstol tried an experiment. He instituted a five-hour workday for all employees for the entire summer, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m..The catch? Productivity had to remain steady. If employees couldn't hack it, they'd be fired.

It worked. Aarstol's employees were more productive — and they had more free time. Now Tower Paddle Boards has a permanent five-hour workday (and salaries remain the same, if not higher).

Skeptical it could work for you? So were we, but Aarstol makes a compelling case for a shorter workday in his new book, "The Five Hour Workday: Live Differently, Unlock Productivity, and Find Happiness" (out July 15).

Aarstol explains why streamlining a workday that's bloated with meetings and internet distractions is good for personal balance — and the bottom line.

The current workday is an outdated invention

When Aarstol began researching the origins of our standard eight hour workday, he realized "it was basically invented by Henry Ford in 1914 for factory workers. Because of the assembly line, productivity went way up." Workers went from putting in 10-16 hour days six days a week, to eight hour days five days week.

The Digital Revolution created another productivity sea change — but our workday hasn't kept pace with the speed at which we work, says Aarstol. "As a knowledge worker, I'm just so much more productive today than knowledge workers were 100 years ago."

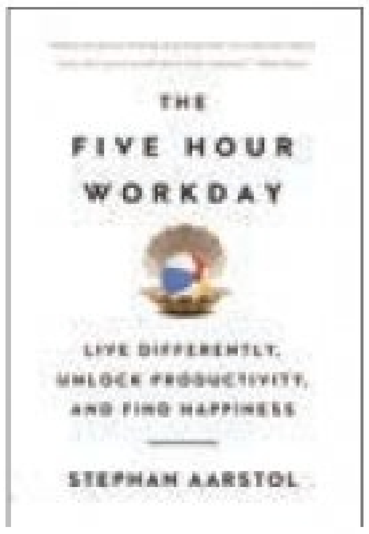
We don't always work at work

Despite a standard eight hours on the clock, we're generally only working two to three of those hours, says Aarstol. "Productivity tools [email, Dropbox, smartphones, etc.] have allowed us to be really productive, and they've allowed us to waste a lot of time. So we've sort of trained the workforce to become very lazy."

In the U.S., we've also come define ourselves by our jobs. "The worst-case scenario is when people are in this competition to see how early they can get to the office and how late they can leave."

Productivity is about more than just work

"With their time back, [employees] can pursue their passions, if they're community volunteers they can do a lot more stuff like that, which is productivity too, that we don't really measure in the U.S. right now," says Aarstol, noting that in a era of abundance, time can be more valuable than money. "Not everybody is an entrepreneur, not everybody's best asset is what they do at work."



Our current schedule is killing us — literally

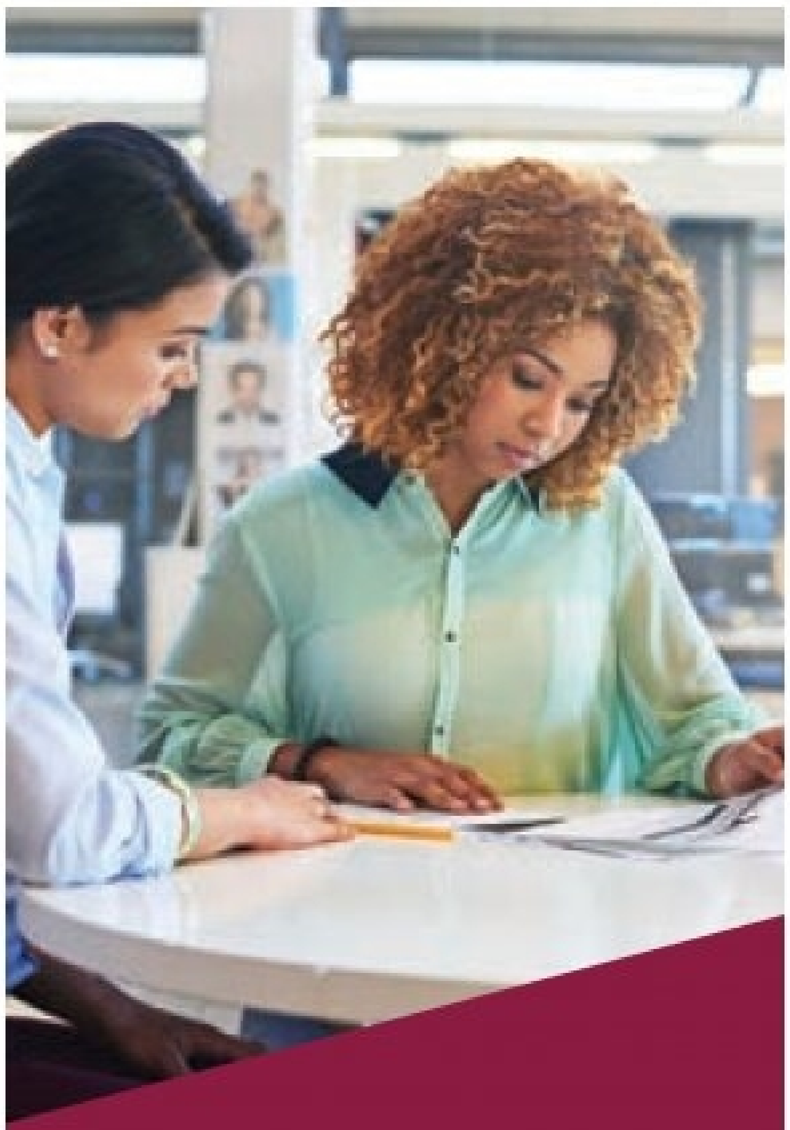
Says Aarstol, "In the early 1900s, people were dying on factory floors because they were being overworked. Today, the same thing is happening. You see it with prescription medication abuse, you've got drug abuse, you've got obesity, you've got heart disease. A lot of this is from basically working too much."

Shorter workdays, savvier workers

Flextime and telecommuting are basically "workarounds" to the long workday. Time constraints, says Aarstol, help us work smarter, not longer.

"Companies like mine are going to give workers a better deal, and we're going to steal all the good workers. That's what this is — it's a retention and recruitment strategy to get those highly productive workers and to give them a better bargain."

Sounds appealing? "If you're in a large company, workers need to start pushing back," says Aarstol. His advice? Pick up his book, and give it to your boss.



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Maikel Franco, who remains a stellar third baseman, has been unable to get any kind of rhythm going at the plate this season. GETTY IMAGES

What's going on with Phillies' star Franco?

The Phillies' promising third baseman has been struggling mightily of late.

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It may be time to put out an APB for Maikel Franco.

The latest missing person of interest in the Phillies lineup, Franco has completely disappeared from the box scores.

"For some reason, he just got out of sync," said Phillies manager Pete Mackanin after Franco's 0-for-3 showing on Saturday.

The goose egg next to his name marked the fourth consecutive hitless game for Franco, resulting in an 0-for-12 stretch from June 15-18. He has just four hits in 23 at-bats over the last seven days for a .174 average.

June has not been kind to the third baseman as evidenced by his .208 average for the month.

"We sure need his bat," Mackanin said. "We need him to be what he's capable of."

The Phillies weren't expecting to have a world-class lineup this season, regardless of Franco's output. Yet, they surely didn't foresee Franco boasting a .239 average after 69 games.

Last season, Franco flashed signs of greatness down the stretch en route to a .280 average with 50 RBI in 80 games. Franco still leads the team with 33 RBI and 11 home runs, but that's not saying much for a ball club that ranks at or near the bottom in almost every hitting category.

What's behind Franco's slide as of late, and more so, over the course of this season?

Mackanin has noted Franco's discipline as an issue as well as over-aggressiveness. He hasn't been looking to drive pitches the other way but rather try to deliver the big swing all the time. That was why Mackanin was forced to move Franco, typically a three- or four-hole hitter, down to the sixth spot.

Franco's struggles are at the forefront of an increasingly growing problem for the Phillies and their lack of offense.

"It's totally frustrating for everybody," Franco said. "Nothing good is happening right now. It's frustrating for everybody."

The Dominican Republic product will continue batting in the lower half of the order until he settles in at the plate. If the Phillies are going to make any noise this summer, they'll need their third baseman's hitting prowess to be rediscovered again as he focuses more on driving the ball and reaching base rather than trying to do it all with one swing.

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The Union still stand atop the Eastern Conference standings, and will be back in action against Chicago on Wednesday night. GETTY IMAGES

First-place Union fall back to earth, look to bounce back after loss

The Union had their eight-match unbeaten streak come to an end against New York City FC.

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After a club-record eight-match unbeaten streak, the Union (6-4-5) finally fell on Saturday, 3-2, to New York City FC (5-5-6) at Yankee Stadium.

Time off seemed detrimental to the team early on as the Union saw a 3-0 deficit in front of them at the 50 minute mark of the second half.

All of NYCFC's prized European free agents found the net in this one, as Frank Lampard, David Villa and Andrea Pirlo used their veteran experience to expose the young but talented Union defense.

"We didn't deserve anything today," Union manager Jim Curtin said following the loss. "Credit to NYC today. I thought David Villa was the best player on the field by a lot. Difficult, we learned from it and will regroup. We have Chicago coming up and we get to bounce back quick."

Despite the loss, the Union remained in first place in the Eastern Conference with 23 points. The win propelled NYCFC into second place with 21 points.

The Union were playing without top goal scorer C.J. Sapong, who is nursing a sprained ankle.

Curtin said that Sapong is "progressing" and hopes to have him back in the lineup for Wednesday's match against the Chicago Fire (2-6-5).

With Sapong out, the Union offense clearly struggled as they scored on a penalty kick from Roland Alberg and an own goal from NYCFC's Frederic Brilliant.

"As a team, we were not ourselves and I told the group before the game that what got us here is team defense, strong goalkeeping and being good on restarts," Curtin said. "We get an F on that tonight."

Wednesday's match will be played at 7 p.m. at PPL Park. The match will air on the Comcast Network.

Copa America: Things could get Messi for Team USA in semifinals

The United States is seeking a berth to the Copa America Finals, but will have a true tough test as a big underdog against Argentina Tuesday. The match, which begins at 9 p.m. and airs on Fox Sports 1 will star Lionel Messi for the Argentines and takes place in Texas at NRG Stadium. Argentina is ranked first in the world while Team USA is 29th.

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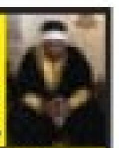

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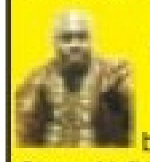

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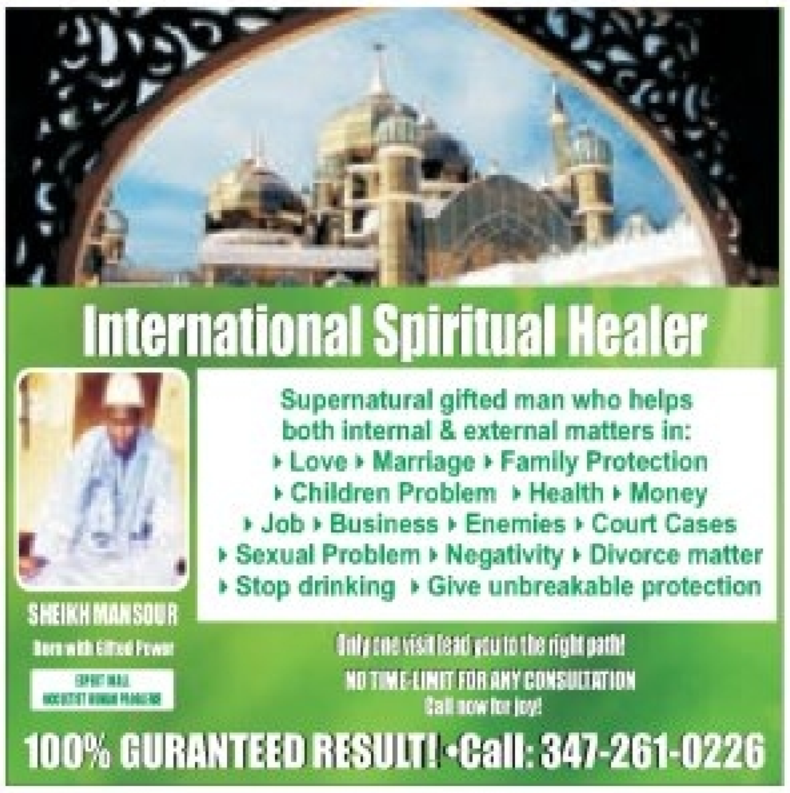

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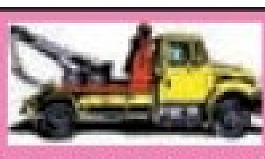

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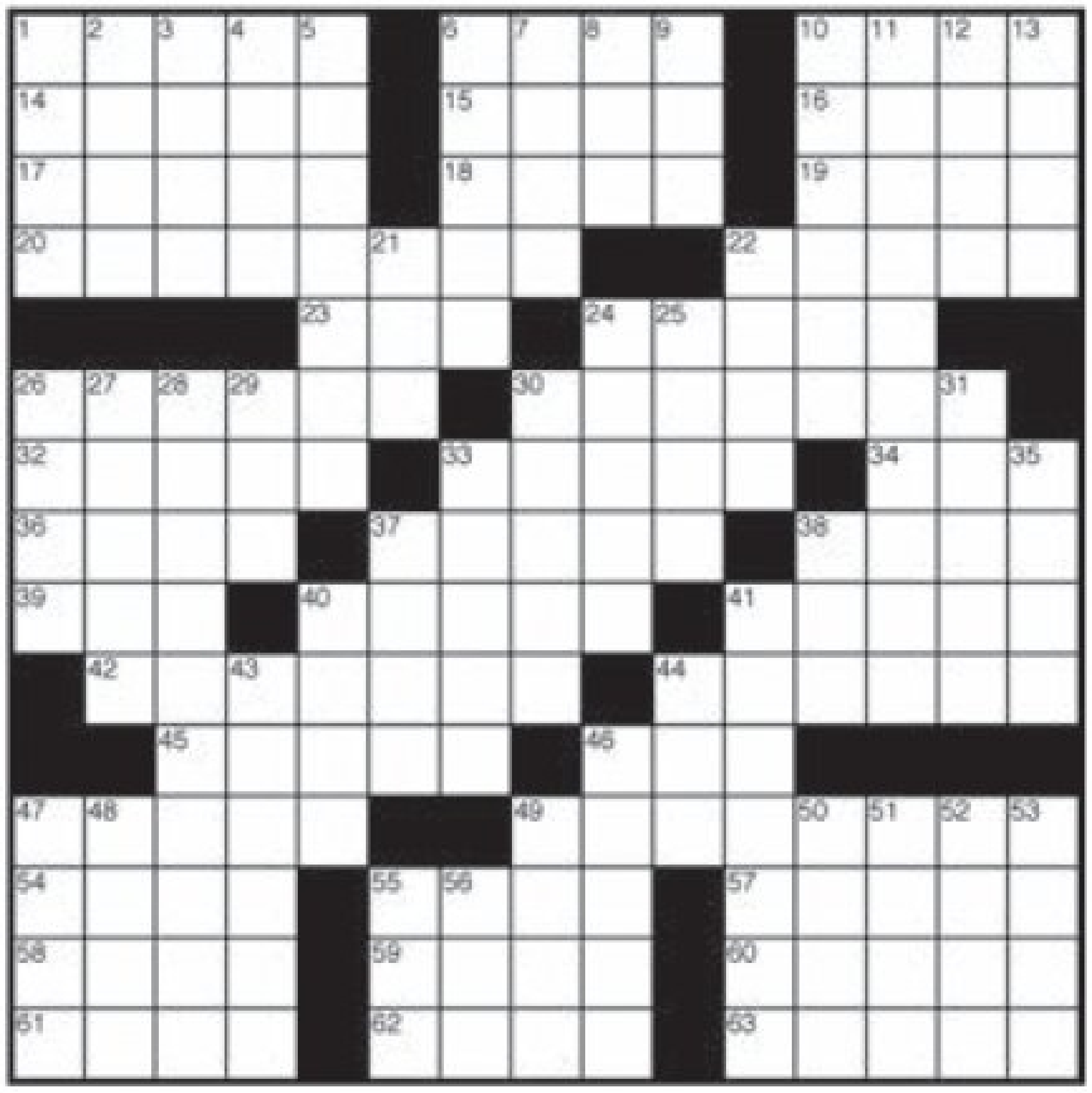

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Taurus Experience is the greatest way to learn. Get involved in cultural events, different philosophies or an entertaining social group in order to make new friends and learn something new.

Gemini Financial improvements will come through a partnership or changes on the home front. You will find a way to cut your overhead and get the most for your dollar.

Cancer Preparation is critical before you start new projects at home or work. An interesting offer will grab your attention. Adapt your schedule to take advantage of what's being offered.

Leo If you show off, someone will be quick to put you down. Make subtle changes that will help you get ahead. Don't let uncertainty lead to a costly mistake.

Virgo Physical activity will help you blow off steam. If you feel someone isn't being sincere, give yourself time and space to assess the situation. Build confidence and boost your morale.

Libra Someone with talents similar to yours will recognize your potential. Share ideas, form a partnership and set a budget. Don't let your emotions get in the way of a good deal.

Scorpio Pump up your energy and enthusiasm, and put your plans into motion. Your imagination and drive will ensure that you come up with a great money-making plan.

Sagittarius Bide your time, listen carefully to what's being said and weed out any information you feel is inconsistent or based on false data. Don't divulge your financial situation.

Capricorn Emotions will surface if someone disrupts your plans. Move forward swiftly, with or without the person causing you grief. Success will be yours if you follow through on your ideas.

Aquarius Carefully decide where you want to spend your time and money. Making changes at home or to your professional goals will be rewarding, but not likely to please everyone.

Pisces Put more emphasis on your personal and financial well-being. Helping others will keep you too busy to worry about situations you have no control over. **EUGENIA LAST**

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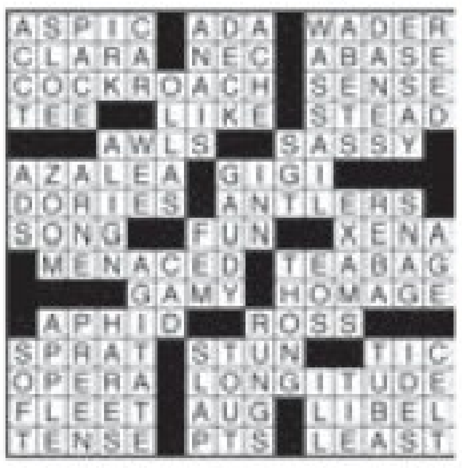

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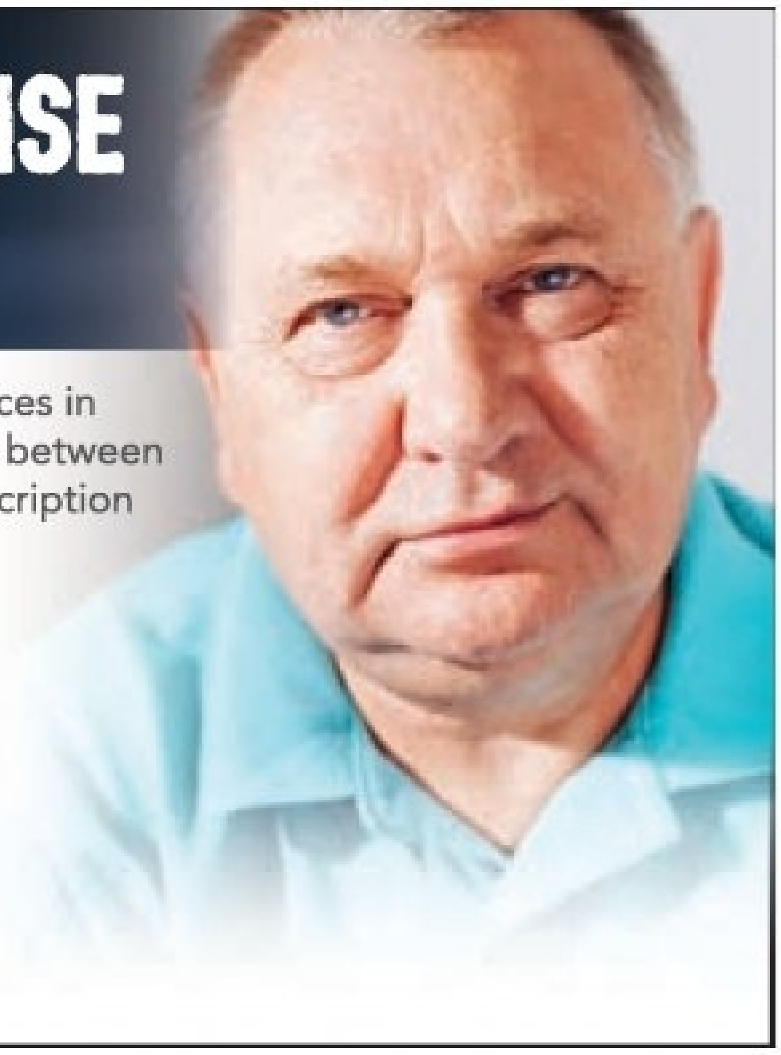

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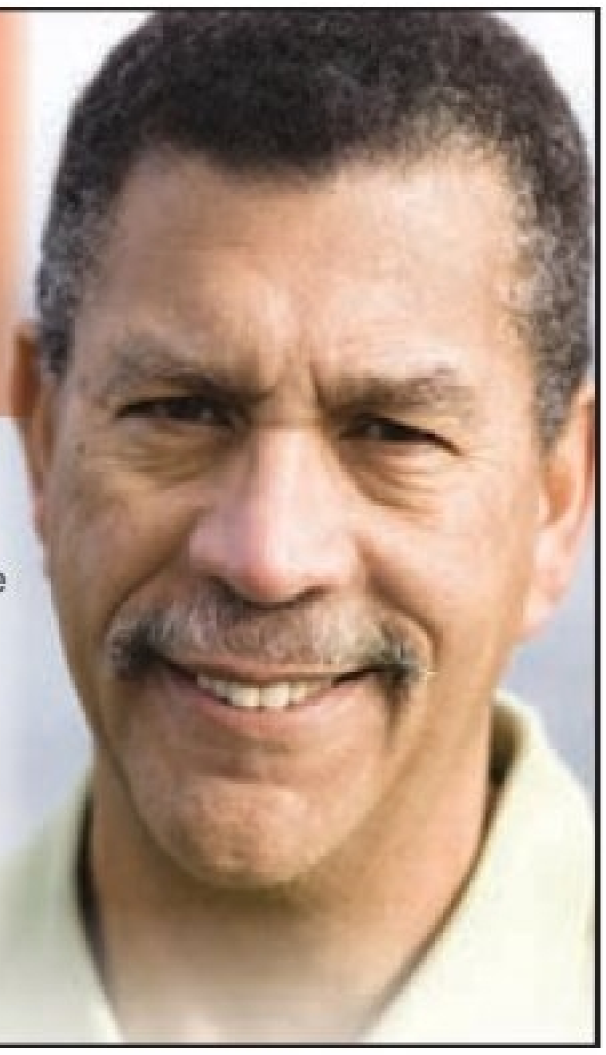
DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAVE MILD ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE?



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